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- Portsmouth / Chairwoman Historic Preservation Commission
- I would like to request that the Subcommittee ask staff to draft language for the full FOIA Council's review following the principles outlined by stakeholder groups that would maintain and guarantee public access.
- I support allowing video/electronic meetings, it increases the availability of commissions and applicants.
- I feel all bodies should be allowed the option of electronic meetings if coordinated properly to ensure all who can not physically attend have the ability to be heard.
- I see no reason to limit the number of meetings that can be held electronically.
- Voting should be allowed. If say a commissioner or board member can not physically be present but can participate electronically he should be allowed to have a vote.

i feel that being able to participate virtually or electronically in a meeting that is being held in person would be of major benefit to a great deal of people it would give them the flexibility that todays world requires.

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